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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Speech Pathologists, Audiologists, and Hearing Aid Dispensers
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	10/20/2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tonya Coats, Professional Member, President, Presiding
Heather Smith, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member
William Doolittle, Public Member
Lisa Marencin, Professional Member
Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member
Brian Whitaker, Public Member
Kirsten Wolfington, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Coats called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2015

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the August 18, 2015 meeting. Mr. Whitaker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Final Denial of Audiologist Application for Mary Jane Tantillo (Board Proposed to Deny Application on June 16, 2015)

Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to deny the audiologist application for Mary Jane Tantillo. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion Regarding Potential Statutory Provisions

The Board reviewed the suggested changes to the current statute, which Ms. Kelly prepared. Minor changes were made to the proposed revisions. Changes include detailing that *current* certification for both SLP's and Audiologists applying for licensure via reciprocity. Mr. Doolittle cautioned the Board about changing the language regarding fees for licensees.

Mr. Whitaker also circulated his proposed statutory revisions for the Board to review and consider.

Mr. Whitaker moved, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to discuss Ms. Kelly's and Mr. Whitaker's suggestions in more depth, during the next regularly scheduled meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Temporary Speech Pathologist Applications

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Doolittle, to ratify the following temporary speech pathologist applications, as all applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Camillia Das Fiacre Douglas Kirsten Remley Jessica Valenti

Ratification of Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfington, to ratify the following permanent speech pathologist applications, as the applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

John Adamic Nathan Finn Heather Hagan Carolyn Kosko Joan LaHayne
Claire Munshi Marissa Plummer Kelly Randle Susan Rowe

Ratification of Temporary Speech Pathologist Licensure Extension Requests

Mr. Whitaker moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfington, to ratify the following temporary speech pathologist licensure extension requests. Motion unanimously carried.

Sabrina Eskridge Loubelle Rivera

Review of Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications (Full Board Review Required)

The Board reviewed the permanent speech pathologist application for Deborah Chitester. Mr. Doolittle moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the permanent speech pathologist application for Loubelle Rivera. Mr. Whitaker moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfington, to approve the application. Motion carried with Ms. Sullivan recusing.

The Board reviewed the permanent speech pathologist application for Sabrina Eskridge. Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Continuing Education – Review of Submitted Activities

Ms. Sullivan moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the following continuing education activity as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Licensee: Maureen Ringstrom **Approved**
Sponsor: Delaware Positive Behavior Support Project
Activity: Socially Savvy and Emotionally Equipped: Strategies to Teach Social/Emotional Skills
Contact Hours: 6.0 CS

Ms. Sullivan moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the following continuing education activity as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Sponsor: Institute for Brain Potential **Approved for 6.0 OG Hours Only**
Activity: The Pharmacy in Your Kitchen: An Overview of Medical and Medicinal Foods
Contact Hours: 6.0 CS

CORRESPONDENCE

Review Correspondence from ASHA Regarding Changes to the Continuing Education Registry

The Board reviewed the correspondence from ASHA regarding the changes to the continuing education registry and transcripts. No further action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Ms. Williams advised the Board that audit notices will be sent out to licensees within the next week.

Mr. Doolittle informed the Board that the Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC), is currently working on setting up an ADHOC committee regarding SLPAs. The Board previously attempted to establish statutory standards for SLPAs, but it was unsuccessful. The GACEC has a copy of the draft that the Board previously proposed.

Mr. Whitaker reported that while his father was in attendance during the August meeting, his father provided positive feedback about the Board and the Board meeting. Mr. Whitaker also suggested that all licensees realize the importance of the diverse CE's available, particularly with the LGBTQ community. Lastly, Mr. Whitaker advised the Board that he is currently being seen at Wilmington hospital and is pleased with the services he has received thus far.

Ms. Sullivan informed the Board that DHSA contacted her regarding the status of the telepractice regulations. Ms. Kelly advised the Board that the proposed regulations will be published in the October edition of the Register of Regulations, and the public hearing will be scheduled during the November meeting. Ms. Sullivan also reported that DHSA sent out an email blast to its members advising them of upcoming audiologist vacancies on the Board. Ms. Marencin and Ms. Wolfington has also reached out to audiologists, to see if they would be interested in serving on the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

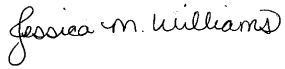
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. Doolittle moved, seconded by Ms. Marencin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica M. Williams".

Jessica M. Williams
Administrative Specialist II